



Pro wrestlers gather for a Rumble in the Ryukyu's during Torii Station's Ultimate Fight Night. See story and photos, page 17.

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Seaman Recruit Likiba Nicole Palmer is laid to rest in Mt. Hope Cemetary, San Diego. Palmer was one of 17 Sailors killed in the Oct. 12 bombing of the *USS Cole* in Yemen.

Relief fund established to help *USS Cole* victims' families

Consolidated Public Affairs Office

CAMP FOSTER — Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society officials announced they are helping the Navy collect and administer a special fund to help families of *USS Cole* Sailors killed and injured after a suspected terrorist bomb ripped into the ship's hull Oct. 12 during a refueling stop in Yemen. The blast killed 17 and injured more than 30.

Admiral Robert J. Natter, United States Atlantic Fleet commander in chief, asked the NMCRS to assist the Navy by serving as a central collection point for the separate fund which will help provide monetary relief to the families of *USS Cole* victims during their time of need.

"Many military families want to help the victims of tragedies like this that get worldwide attention," said Sharon Gima, executive director, NMCRS, Camp Foster.

She said special funds like the one being administered by NMCRS for *USS Cole* victims give the many military families who want to help the opportunity to lend assistance from a distance.

"The families who want to help can't give the grieving families a hug showing their sympathy," Gima said. "The NMCRS gives the military families the ability to reach out and let the victims' families know they care by giving donations for support."

NMCRS is accepting checks or money orders made out to the NMCRS with "for *USS Cole*" on the check or money order.

Checks and money orders can be dropped off at the Camp Foster NMCRS or mailed to NMCRS headquarters in Arlington, Va.

The address is:
Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society
North Randolph Street, Suite 1228
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Scooter, skateboard accidents increase

Sgt. Robert J. Angus

Combat Correspondent

CAMP LESTER — Scooting and skating can hurt. Medical officials here say accidents among military children riding skateboards and scooters on Okinawa are increasing.

"Since Sept. 17, we have had six patients who have come to the emergency department for injuries resulting from skateboards and scooters," said Cmdr. William J. Upham, director, Community Health Services, U.S. Naval Hospital.

"The injuries ranged from bone fractures to lacerations," Upham said.

Children not wearing proper protective gear, playing in unauthorized areas or trying difficult stunts or tricks were the causes of most of the accidents, according to Upham.

"Skateboarding and use of scooters on roads are the single most common cause of serious accidents," Upham said. "Protective headgear can protect from most impacts, but even at low speeds, accidents can result in serious injuries. In addition, trick boarding on stairs, retaining walls and hand-rails is an accident waiting to happen. This practice is strictly prohibited on all U.S. military installations on Okinawa."

To avoid accidents, Upham said, skateboarding and scooter riding should be done only on sidewalks and designated open spaces intended for recreational use.

Skateboarding and riding scooters in designated areas is only part of the solution. Children also need to don proper safety gear to prevent injury, according to Upham.

"Regulations require the wearing of helmets, but we recommend wearing kneepads, elbow pads and wrist pads as well. Protective helmets manufactured in the United States are rigorously tested to meet or exceed the American National Standards Institute safety requirements," Upham said.

Parental supervision and applying common sense are two additional steps necessary to decrease the number of accidents involving skateboards and scooters, Upham said.

"The number of accidents is not going to go down until parents start supervising their children more closely," Upham said. "They need to ensure their children have the proper safety gear and are playing in designated areas. Children also need to apply a little common sense when skateboarding. Just because professional skateboarders make the moves look easy on TV, doesn't mean they are easy. Don't attempt a stunt or trick unless you are sure you are able to do it."



Upham

Corps offers adventure training as incentive for first-term reenlistments

Gunnery Sgt. Matt Hevezi

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — First-term Marines eligible for reenlistment can sign up now for a second tour and at the same time nab an assignment to one of the Corps' most sought after training schools. Marines who move slow on this deal need not apply.

"These schools seats will go fast, probably in a matter of days," said Master Sgt. Andre Cooper, the senior career planner at III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Up for grabs are quotas to attend the Airborne Course;

the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape or SERE Course; Mountain Survival Course; Winter Mountain Leader Course; Summer Mountain Leader Course; Cold Weather Survival Course; High Risk Personnel Course; and the Small Arms Weapons Instructor Course.

The annual offering of school assignments as a reenlistment incentive became available to career planners Corps wide in 1999 to help increase retention.

Cooper said career planners islandwide — which includes those at Okinawa-based commands of 3rd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, 3rd Force Service Support Group and the First Marine Aircraft Wing — have been

tasked by Marine headquarters to reenlist a total of 765 first-term Marines. Cooper said there are more than 2,600 first-term Marines on Okinawa eligible for reenlistment during the fiscal year 2001.

Having the schools to offer, Cooper said, is just one additional tool available to career planners to help encourage Marines to stay in uniform.

For Marines serving in career fields not offering incentives like reenlistment bonuses or the opportunity to make a lateral move into another career field, Cooper says

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Family Readiness Expo 9 a.m. Saturday at Foster Fieldhouse

Recruits to receive new combat uniform in 2001

Marine Corps officials use Internet survey to collect more than 24,000 opinions for uniform redesign options

Marine Corps News

Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON — In following with the Commandant’s goal to find a more effective combat uniform, the Marine Corps Uniform Board recently placed a survey on the Internet seeking information from Marines concerning uniform concepts. The survey was posted on the Internet for nearly two weeks and collected data while Marines surfed through a site containing various uniform design options.

The initial results of the survey are still being analyzed but there are a few early conclusions. The survey allowed for Marines to select from two major design groups, one being a radical new design with the second design being loosely based on improvements to the current camouflage utility uniform. According to Capt. W. Daniel Dukes, secretary-recorder, Marine Corps Uniform Board, Marines prefer improvements on the current design more than a new uniform design concept.

A few of the suggested improvements included replacing the current uniform buttons with hook and latch type fasteners. Other suggestions Marines liked:

- A single name and service tape
 - Use the current block cover in garrison
 - Use the patrol cover while in the field
 - Tiger stripped uniform favored in the survey
- Marines disliked:
- The use of leggings or gators

- Removable sleeves
 - Suggestions to change current rank insignia
- Other suggestions for a product improvement design were to reinforce stress areas like the elbows, knees and the seat area. There is also a plan to make a waist adjustment improvement.

Data from the survey came from all around the Corps. “The initial survey targeted a response from 10 percent of the active duty forces,” Dukes said. “However, we received a reply from about 15 percent of the active duty force, which was far more than what we expected,” he added.

The next portion of the project will take the form of two separate phases. The first phase will be a wear test on the proposed changes using about 40 uniforms and will take about five to six weeks in length. Data collected will be implemented to a second set of about 400 uniforms. These uniforms will be distributed to three units, one belonging to each of the Marine Expeditionary Force units. The second phase will allow these units four months to test the uniforms.

Results will be forwarded to the Commandant who will ultimately make the final decision on the new battle uniform. Marines can expect to see the new uniforms being distributed to recruits during October 2001. A plan to implement the new uniforms to the active duty forces has yet to be confirmed.

“The survey provided an opportunity for Marines worldwide to provide input on a new, proposed uniform item, which is a first to my knowledge,” Dukes



SGT. JOHN SAYAS

Marines surveyed said they preferred the patrol cover while in the field. They did not like the idea of removable sleeves on their cammies.

said. “The survey was a huge success.” The average age of those who responded was 29.7-years-old. The youngest was 17 and the oldest was 65.

Eighty-six percent of respondents were active duty Marines. Six percent were reserve Marines. Four percent were retired or former Marines. Ninety-two percent were male and eight percent were female.

Full results of the survey will be posted soon on the uniform board’s web page at www.tecom.usmc.mil/mcub.

TAVSC changes name, focus

Sgt. Nathan L. Hanks, Jr.

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — The Training Audio Visual Service Center here changed its name Oct. 2.

Throughout the Marine Corps, TAVSC, now known as Combat Visual Information Center, or CVIC, officially changed its name when Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Jones, training and education director, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va, signed Marine Corps Order P3104.1, Marine Corps Visual Information and Combat Camera Support Manual.

“The name was changed to focus our efforts more on the war fighter,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 “Herb” Hill, combat camera officer, CVIC, 3rd Marine Division. “We are still here to support everyone, but our main focus is to support that commander out in the field that needs that imagery to make intelligent, real time decisions.”



Giles

The CVIC here is unique compared to other centers around the Corps, according to Staff Sgt. Johnny Giles, photo lab chief, CVIC, Marine Corps Base.

For example, Camp Pendleton has a

CVIC and combat camera section that are located in separate buildings. The CVIC supports the mission of the base and the 1st Marine Division combat camera unit supports the fleet Marine force units, according to Giles

“As a consolidated CVIC, housing both base Combat Visual Information Center and a 3rd MarDiv combat camera unit in the same building, we are able to support everyone on the island,” Giles said.

CVIC supports Marines not only with photography, but also with visual information such as graphic training aids, video production and training gear.

Other examples of support are static boards, cordless microphones, pop-up targets, rubber rifles, and retirement, training, and operation videos.

Although the name has been changed, the services provided by CVIC remain the same, according to Giles.

“We do more than just take pictures at award ceremonies and command board photos,” Giles said. “We document Marines in the field training such as patrolling, shooting artillery and doing flight training.”

Request for CVIC support must be submitted via the unit’s operations section one week to one month prior to the event, depending on the type of support needed. For more information call 645-0508/3949.

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the school incentive is very appealing to many Marines considering reenlistment.

“We have a lot of Marines who joined the Corps to do this kind of adventurous training,” Cooper said. “And most of these kind of schools are given to the infantry. Career fields like disbursing usually don’t offer it. So I think for those Marines it is very attractive.”

“They can get a chance to attend a school they wouldn’t normally have the opportunity to attend,” said Staff Sgt. Robert E. Kelvin, career planner, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

Kelvin said most Marines he interviews for reenlistment have a positive reaction when he tells them of the opportunity to attend what many consider the Corps’ “adventure” schools.

“With or without the school I was going to reenlist,” said Sgt. Jayson P. Landin, a classified network administrator with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. “The school is just an added bonus for me.”

Landin, who was recently promoted to sergeant in September, said attending the Airborne Course will be a welcome change from his daily duties of mostly working indoors with computers.

Cooper said the two most popular incentive schools being offered, the Airborne Course and the SERE Course, are available to reenlisting Marines in limited numbers. Cooper divided quotas for the two highly sought after schools between

the major commands on Okinawa. For example, 3rd Marine Division career planners will have six school quotas to the Airborne Course to offer qualified first-term reenlistees; Marine Corps Base and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma career planners will each have two quotas, Cooper said.

Marines reenlisting to attend the Mountain Survival Course, Winter Mountain Leader Course, Summer Mountain Leader Course, Cold Weather Survival Course, High Risk Personnel Course, and the Small Arms Weapons Instructor Course will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis throughout Marine Forces Pacific, which includes commands on Okinawa, mainland Japan, Hawaii, California and Arizona.

Cooper said career planners are hoping Marine manpower officials will approve several additional first-term reenlistment incentives currently being considered. Cash bonuses of \$2,000 for all career fields and additional points for promotion are possibilities for future reenlistment incentives, Cooper said.

“Awarding promotion points would be a big incentive,” Cooper said. “It would put a lot of Marines over the edge for promotion. Right now there are a lot of MOS’s out there with outrageous waits for promotion.”

Additional information on the reenlistment school incentive offer is contained in MarAdmin Message 488-00.



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Haunted history of Halloween

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CAMP FOSTER – Costumed children yelling “trick-or-treat,” carving silly faces into pumpkins and diving head first into a bucket of water to retrieve a bobbing apple are customs associated with celebrating Halloween.

The origins of this holiday and many of its traditions reach back into pre-Roman history of what are now called the British Isles: Ireland, Scotland and England; and a pagan celebration called Samhain.

Samhain, pronounced sow-huin, which falls exactly between the Autumn Equinox and Winter Solstice, Oct. 31, was viewed by Celtic Pagans as the end of summer and beginning of the Celtic New Year.

The Celts viewed this as a period of time when the separation or veil between the worlds of living and the dead was at its thinnest point and the living would be able to commune with their departed loved ones. During this time the Celts performed rituals in honor of the deceased and food was left out for their spirits, similar to some of the practices related to the Japanese festival of Obon.

This was also considered a very potent time for magic and fortune telling was commonly practiced. One form of divination used was bobbing for apples. The Celts of the time believed that the first person to bite the floating apple would be the first person to get married in the New Year.

Pumpkins with spooky or silly faces carved into them are another familiar sight during the month of October and a custom that also originated from the Celts.

During Samhain bonfires were lit as part of the celebration. The fires in Celtic households were allowed to die out and would later be rekindled with flames from the bonfire in the belief that this custom would bring good luck to the members of the household.

To compensate for the lack of lighting, the Celts would carve out large turnips and place candles in them, using them as lamps. This was one of many customs brought to the United States by the Irish. Pumpkins have since been substituted for turnips.

One of the more recognizable traditions that can be attributed to the Celts is trick-or-treating. It is rumored to be a left over custom of the Scottish holiday of Hogmanay, Jan. 1, where people would go door-to-door begging for donations for money or food for the celebration of the New Year’s Feast. Curses would be put upon the stingy and blessings would be passed on to the generous donors.

The Scottish customs of invoking curses on the stingy donors changed into playing pranks on them instead, which eventually evolved into acts of vandalism in the 1920’s.

To discourage these antics many civic organizations put together beggars’ nights where candy was given to well behaved children as they ambled from door to door, which developed into what we now know as trick-or-treating.

And thus have evolved our customs for celebrating Halloween.

Information used for this story was compiled from the following sources:

‘You Call It Hallowe’en ... We Call It Samhain’ by Peg Aloï

‘Halloween: Ancient Traditions Live’ on by Lisa Scovel

‘Samhain: Eve of All Hallow’ – Updated by Suzanne Barrett

The Origins of Halloween’ by Rowan Moonstone

Scare tactics to be used at Kinser

Lance Cpl. Kathy J. Arndt

Combat Correspondent

CAMP KINSER – A Halloween themed haunted house sponsored by the Okinawa Retired Military Association, located in building 201 next to the morgue here, opens today at 7 p.m. and runs until midnight.

The haunted house will be open through Sunday.

The haunted house is open to all military members, their families and the public. Along with a scary tour through the house, there will be food, face painting, a children’s maze and more. The entrance fee is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

“All profits will go to charities that the ORMA supports,” said Carrie Haggard, coordinator of the haunted house and ORMA representative.

“The haunted house is rated about PG-13,” said Chris Lane, coordinator of design. “We would like to have all children with their parents before entering the haunted house.”

In the house there will be several theme rooms. There will be a torture room, an illusion room and dungeon room. Thrill seekers wandering through the haunted house will pass all the way through

Bldg. 201 and four tents connected on the outside.

The construction of the haunted house started during the last week of September. The materials and manpower were donated from many units located on the island.

“We had about 20 volunteers out working on the haunted house itself,” Lane said. “Many of the supplies were donated by Brian Reed from the self-help program located on Camp Kinser.”

“It will be fun to have the Japanese out there,” Lane said.



Trick or treating safety tips

Once again, the season of goblins and ghost stories are upon us. Children know that Halloween is one of the most important days of the year next to Christmas and their birthday because it is a time of trick or treating. Children are all over the housing areas, crossing streets, and scurrying in between parked cars to get to the next house. However, the Marine Corps Base Commander has a responsibility for the safety and security of all personnel and assets on his installation. He has requested McGruff and costume friends along with the Military Police and Fire Department to be seen in housing areas to assist the Camp/Station Commanders.

He also provides the following tips to adults, children, and parents:

- Adults should:**
- Welcome trick or treaters with porch lights.
 - Patrol the streets occasionally to discourage speeding motorists, acts of malicious mischief, and crimes against children and property.
 - Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the Military Police. Use 911.
 - Not give homemade or unwrapped treats to children.

- Parents with Children should:**
- Designate a specific route for children to use.
 - Have an adult accompany all children under the age of 12.
 - Have children carry a flashlight or light stick and utilize some type of reflective materials on their costumes to alert motorists and avoid danger.
 - Instruct them to cross streets at the corners and never cross in between parked vehicles. They should also look both ways before crossing and use the sidewalk, not the streets, while trick or treating.
 - Ensure children understand that trick or treating is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. on Camps Foster, Lester, Courtney, McTureous. Kinser hours are 6-8:30 p.m.
 - Not accept rides from strangers.
 - Not go inside homes.
 - Inspect all treats and discard all unwrapped and homemade items before children open them.
 - If approached by any suspicious person, children should run to the nearest home with a light on and ask them to call 911.

Motorists

Exercise extreme caution while driving a vehicle. Be alert for excited youngsters darting out into traffic; costume masks may obscure their vision or they may not be paying attention. Drive slower than normal during trick or treating hours.

Costumers

- Parents should ensure all those that wear a costume are made of fire-retardant materials.
- In lieu of masks, face paint is recommended to allow children to see clearly.
- Costumes should fit properly. Oversized costumes may cause someone to trip and fall, resulting in some type of injury.
- Utilize reflective material on costumes.
- Notify the Military Police on your camp in the event of tainted or bad candy.

Pets

- Halloween can be a traumatic or even dangerous time for pets. Pet owners should remember that their pets are depending on them to keep them safe.
- Do not leave pets outside during “trick or treating” hours. There are plenty of stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen, and even killed pets on this night.
- It is not wise to give candy to pets. Chocolate can be poisonous to some animals. Tinfoil or cellophane is harmful if swallowed.
- For animals wearing costumes, ensure the costume is not restrictive or unsafe. Do not use costumes that may impair a pet’s vision.

Alcohol-related NJPs III MEF/MCBJ

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Oct. 15-21.

- **Underage drinking**

A lance corporal and private first class with 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, were found guilty at company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: restriction and extra duties for 60 days and forfeiture of \$585 for two months.

- **Underage drinking**

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

- **Underage drinking, drunkenness, disorderly conduct and destruction of property other than military**

A seaman with U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa, was found guilty at a captain's mast of the abovelisted offenses. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$585 for one month and restriction to base for 45 days.

- **Underage drinking**

A private first class with Marine Wing Communications Squadron, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$292 for two months and restriction and extra duties for 60 days.

- **Underage drinking**

A private first class with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$263 for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

Courts-martial REPORT III MEF/MCBJ

- **A seaman recruit assigned to 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was sentenced to 30 months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and a dishonorable discharge at a general court-martial for violations of the following Articles: 81, conspiracy to commit larceny, 108, willfully damaging military property, 121, larceny, and 130, housebreaking.**

To submit a brief ...

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LANCE CPL. CARL F. SCHNAUFER

Hanging out

Sgt. John Barry, instructor, Special Operations Training Group, demonstrates to his class how various cords work during the Helicopter Rope Suspension Training Master Course Oct. 20 at Camp Hansen. The course teaches its participants how to set up a rappelling or fast rope rig on various kinds of helicopters and rappelling towers. Upon completion of the course students are given the title HRST Master, which enables them to teach rappelling and fast rope techniques to Marines in their units.

Community Briefs

Family Readiness Expo

Military families islandwide are invited to the inaugural Family Readiness Expo Oct. 28 at the Camp Foster Fieldhouse from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Organizations that assist and support families during their Okinawa tour will attend the expo, which is sponsored by Marine Family Team Building and Marine Corps Community Services.

The event is free and door prizes will be given away throughout the day.

For more information, call 645-2841/3689.

Futenma haunted house

Marine Corps Air Station Futenma is hosting a haunted house Oct. 27-29 from 5-11 p.m. in Building 60, located directly across from the fire station.

The cost is \$1 per person for ages 10 and up and the event is open to the public.

Passes with directions to the house are available at the gate.

For more information call 636-3119.

Killin Elementary bazaar

The E.C. Killin Elementary School is hosting its first Gecko Bazaar Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The bazaar will feature furniture vendors from Korea and China and will take place in the school's cafeteria.

CFC 2000 continues

The Combined Federal Campaign Overseas 2000 is continuing throughout Marine Corps units on Okinawa. So far, Okinawa Marines have donated more than \$94,000, but the goal is \$581,000.

One important part of the CFC is the ability to give back to your own community directly. By giving to the Family Support and Youth Program, every dollar goes back to programs on Okinawa.

To give to FSYP, just enter the code "FSYP" on

your donation form. Help "Make a World of Difference."

For more information on the CFC, call Bruce Hidaka-Gordon at 645-7242.

Blood drive

The 18th Medical Group is sponsoring a blood drive at the Schilling Recreation Center on Kadena Air Base Oct. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m.

All donations will go to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa, on Camp Lester and the drive is open to all valid ID card holders 18 and over.

For more information, call the Blood Bank Center at 643-4549.

Hispanic heritage celebration

Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, is holding a Hispanic Heritage Month Grand Finale Celebration Nov. 3 at the Globe and Anchor Enlisted Club.

Col. Richard Monreal will be the guest speaker and the event is open to all military and civilian personnel.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. R. Williams at 645-7313.

Want to get promoted?

You could help recruit future Marines for your Corps and accumulate points for promotion. 4th Marine Corps District is taking requests for Permissive TAD to help with recruiting. If you are from the 4th district, which includes Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Southern Indiana, and South Western Michigan, contact 4th Marine Corps District.

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Know your candidates, issues

Gunnery Sgt. Barry L. Thompson

Training chief, 3rd Marine Division



After reading a recent commentary by Sgt. Maj. Robert Holub, "Don't waste the freedom you fight for", Sept. 29 issue of the Okinawa Marine, I just had to express my opinion on what he had to say about freedom and voting.

Even though I completely agree with what he said about freedom and our freedom to vote, I believe that there is more for us to do then just voting.

Not only is it our responsibility to vote, but it is also our responsibility to know what and whom we are voting for.

It seems like each time election comes around we are told to just vote; that by voting we are exercising our right as free citizens.

Voting does not protect our liberties and our way of life in America, even though it is extremely impor-

tant for us to vote.

What does protect our God-given rights, our rights to raise our families and pray to our god as we choose, as Sgt. Maj Holub stated, is knowledge of our elected officials actions once voted into office.

We must seek out exactly what the representatives running for office really represent. It is very important we, as voters, study those who are running for office for the first time to see what they really stand for. You can just as easily vote for representatives that will protect our liberties, as you can easily vote for representatives that don't share your beliefs in the U.S. Constitution. You can't just vote and be ignorant of issues.

You must know what our representatives are doing, what they believe in and where they stand on the issues. Only then will you have freedom, when you say, "I did my duty. I voted."

We need to be more aware of what our congressmen and senators vote on.

Our freedom is guaranteed by our knowledge and understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

We must hold the politicians accountable to up-

hold and honor the U.S Constitution as our forefathers meant it.

If they fail to uphold and honor it, we must exercise our right to remove them from office by not voting for them. As Edmund Burke stated, "All that is necessary for evil to succeed, is for good men to do nothing."

Of course what he meant was if we are not fully aware and watchful of our elected officials' actions, we could lose our God-given rights that past generations have fought so hard for.

There are many ways to express our concerns to our representatives and to check on their voting records to ensure that they are protecting our rights and upholding the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Such information is available by searching Internet websites or by sending an e-mail directly to the candidate's office to ask where they stand on a particular issue or requesting their voting record.

If you are unhappy with the actions of your elected officials, you must ask yourself, "How did I vote during the last election?" Think about those you vote into office. Before you cast a vote, find out what they really represent in the way of your freedom.

Getting inner strength from an outer source

Do you have a place that is sacred to you? A place where you encounter God, where you seem to be on Holy ground? A place where you can clearly hear the voice of God in your life? A place that is similar to what is described in the story of Moses before the burning bush from Hebrew scriptures (Exodus 3.2)?

As I reflect upon my life journey, I can remember many places that have felt like sacred space to me. For example, in 1977, I had the opportunity to climb Mt. Fuji with one of my shipmates.

Mt. Fuji is a sacred mountain for many of the followers of the Shinto tradition, and I was thrilled to have an opportunity to make the climb. Near the top, a couple hundreds yards before the temple, stands a Torii gate (a Torii gate is two vertical posts with double headers on top, usually curving upward). There is no fence or other barrier, simply a Torii gate with the summit path going right through. At the time, I had no idea what it was there for. I just found it peculiar that here was a gate in the middle of nowhere. I thought, 'Why a gate? It would be just as easy to walk around as to pass through.'

Similar to the scene in the movie "Blazing Saddles" where there is a tollgate in the middle of the desert—it makes no sense to have a gate without a fence or some other enclosure. I learned later when I studied Shinto that a Torii gate separates the mundane world from the spiritual world for the Shinto follower.

As I look back on the experience, I remember from observing the Japanese journeyers, that this was an im-

portant place, they have indeed arrived at sacred space. In fact, my memory of the temple was that it felt like sacred space. Sacred space, however, does not need to be on top of a mountain, or even in a church, temple or synagogue. It could be part of the tradition, for example, the Tabernacle that holds the Torah for a Jewish worshipper or a prayer mat for a faithful follower of Islam.

Sacred space can be almost anywhere. I have a friend who is a bishop from my community whose sacred space is down in his basement nestled in between the washer and dryer!

I have found in my own life that my sacred space varies from time to time. When I was serving on Okinawa at Camp Schwab, I found that standing before a cross and candles placed upon the room's government issue bookshelves became a sacred spot for me to encounter God.

Likewise, every time I am in the field, just after sunset, or before sunrise, laying out under the stars on my isomat, I find is a great place to encounter the Lord of my life.

Lately, I have found I can have my best conversations with God (prayer) during my morning run before the sun rises all by myself with the coyotes and bats around my housing area.

I bet most of us have sacred space or time, but frequently, we get into the busy and hectic schedule of our lives and forget to slow down to reflect on what is most important. That is where sacred space and time can come into play. Sacred places and sacred time allows us to move from our routine journey in life to a place or time which

we set apart daily for God, to encounter God in a setting where we may hear God's voice calling to us.

A time or place for us to consider how we are living our lives and how we measure when compared to our religious or spiritual tradition.

This is not to suggest that participating in our faith community's corporate worship is not, or can not, be sacred time and space. Far from it.

In fact, most of the world's religions maintain that corporate worship is an essential element to their faith/belief system.

What I invite you to consider this week is finding time or space daily, in between your corporate worship.

Space and time to set aside to wrestle with God about the issues in our lives and clarify the path that is before us. This is important work too, work that we sometimes do not make time for.

Do yourself a favor this week and try this experiment. Set aside each day some sacred time and look for a sacred space. Bring to the conversation whatever is on your heart and mind and then listen.

In the silence you may hear the voice of God and clarification for your journey.

See if you can discover some sacred space for yourself.

*Lt. Mark A. Spaulding,
3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment Chaplain
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STREET TALK

"What are you going to be for Halloween and why?"



Madyson R. Kennedy, military family member

"I'm gonna be Tinkerbell. I like the magic she does and the pixie dust she leaves."



Joshua S. Nieves, military family member

"I'm gonna be the Scream guy because I think he's scary, and I like the movie."



Jennifer N. Nieves, military family member

"I'm gonna be Belle from Beauty and the Beast because she's my favorite character. I like the way she sings and dances."



Jakeeca R. Yancy, military family member

"I'm gonna be an angel because I like their wings and they can fly."



1/6 Marines perform Ground-Air Integrated Training

Marines of Company A, 1/6, rush from a CH-46E helicopter that brought them into a landing zone several miles from Combat Town, their

Combat Town offers unique challenges, realistic scenarios

Cpl. Matthew E. Habib

Combat Correspondent

CAMP SCHWAB — “1/6 Hard. Getting the job done.” This is the motto that 1st Battalion, 6th Marines lives by daily, and that’s exactly what they displayed during the Ground-Air Integrated Training exercise, which was held during the week of Oct. 15-20.

From the landing zones of Camp Schwab to the runways of Ie Shima, the Marines of 1/6 hit the ground running during the numerous missions that made up the entire exercise and proved how versatile Marines can be when called upon.

While the GAIT exercise was held over the period of one week, three different missions actually made up the exercise, while combining the forces of 1/6 with the aircraft of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Companies A and B were the first to put their skills to the test during the Military Operations in Urban Terrain training scenarios held at Camp Schwab’s Combat Town. The first two missions came complete with CH-46E helicopter insertions and extractions,

while pushing the Marines to their physical and mental limits at an intense pace.

While both companies partook in the two missions separately and on different days, they both had the same goal — land at designated zones outside of Combat Town, sweep the surrounding area for enemy presence while approaching the town, and finally securing the town from any enemy presence while protecting its citizens.

Both companies did all of this within a day’s time.

Forced to land a couple of miles away from Combat Town due to heavy enemy presence, the Marines of A Company began to make their way toward their destination in the hot, sticky weather.

“We finally made it to the outside of Combat Town and we all began to kneel down in the bush. A nervous excitement rushed in and mixed with the exhaustion we all felt from the movement as we calculated our next move,” said Lance Cpl. Sam M. Claasen, machinegunner, Company A, 1/6. “But then, almost right away, the aggressors opened fire on us. So now we’re taking fire, while the squad leaders are trying to get accountability, team leaders are trying to make sure all the teams are up.”

Within the first few moments of the firefight, orders were loudly barked over the sounds of simulated grenades going off and the firing of blank rounds. It is here that the Marines made the kind of mistakes that could be fatal in a real-life situation.

But luckily they were able to catch what they were doing wrong, correct the situation and learn the needed lessons, which is exactly the point of the training, according to Claasen.

“MOUT is a completely unpredictable situation because the enemy could be above you, below you, next to you, all while these other factors are opening up around you,” he said “In this situation, people don’t play by the rules.”

The Marines had finally cleared and secured the entire town within 30 minutes, but some enemy had escaped into the surrounding jungle. With heavy security set up in the town, small Marine units were ordered to patrol the area, in hopes of finding the remaining opposition.

It wasn’t until returning back to Combat Town that the patrols encountered the remaining enemy. A small firefight broke out and the aggressors eventually surrendered.

“Sure, that enemy has given up, but why,” asked Claasen. “He might be using his surrender as a last chance to make a killing blow against us. That’s why we take the procedures we do when we search the prisoner.”

With the town secured and the day coming to a close, the Marines looked back on everything they had accomplished and felt proud of each other.



A machinegun team prepares to lay down cover fire on one of the buildings inside Combat Town.



Cpl. Philemon Gibbs, Company A, 1/6, leads his platoon sergeant to attack C



objective.



PHOTOS B CPL. MATTHEW E. HABIB
y A, 1/6, awaits a call from
Combat Town.

Marines assault airfield, rescue hostages on Ie Shima

Cpl. Matthew E. Habib

Combat Correspondent

IE SHIMA — The Marines of Company C, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines had the honor of completing the Ground-Air Integrated Training exercise by accomplishing the last mission -- to seize an airfield here.

An enemy force had taken control of the once-friendly airfield, and early reconnaissance had originally shown three large enemy positions.

A plan was formed, and if the Marines could overrun these positions under the cover of night, they would be able to retake the field.

Things aren't always what they seem, according to Capt. Steven M. Prather, commanding officer, Company C, 1/6.

"The plan was to use mortars to attack the first position from a safe distance at the south end of the runway, and then have machinegunners move up to lay down heavier suppressive fire, allowing the riflemen to move in and finish the position off," said Prather.

"By the time the second position was taken, the first platoon of Marines should have been done securing the first position, and would send what forces they could to join with the second team. Together, they join with the third platoon and would take the third and final position, after the mortar men had made their initial attack," said Prather.

"Unfortunately, a short time before the Marines departed for the island, we received further reports that friendly civilians had been taken prisoners in a tower near the first enemy position. This posed a problem, as the Marines could not attack with mortars, because chances of friendly casualties were high. So instead of attacking from the south end, the Marines switched positions after they had landed and attacked in the opposite direction, starting from the northern tip first, and finally joining forces to successfully attack the final enemy position, and securing it," said Prather.

After retaking the airfield and freeing the hostages, the Marines then stationed first and third platoon on either end of the airfield and kept up patrols, while second platoon remained in

the middle of the strip, providing constant security, according to Prather.

"This was the first time I have ever flown any night helicopter operations, and I'm not really keen on flying in the first place," said Cpl. Scott R. Page, machinegunner, Company C, 1/6. "During the flight, I was a little nervous and excited as I kept going over the plan in my head, so when we touched ground and those doors opened up, I could do what I needed to do correctly."

The Marines of the headquarters platoon also played a vital role in the mission, as they were tasked with bringing in supplies and logistic support for the Marines.

An easy sounding job, but once again a chance for fate to force the Marines to adapt quickly to an unfavorable situation, according to Cpl. Jonathan M. Bean.

"Since this was an airborne mission, we were to load all supplies onto the helicopters of the fourth and final wave in Ie Shima," Bean said. "But, on the first wave one of the birds broke down, forcing all the Marines to be held back to only three choppers per wave. Originally, there were only supposed to be four waves, but since we lost a helicopter, a fifth wave was added. Since we didn't have the full four birds on our wave, we were forced to take only the bare minimum supplies. We had only a short time before our departure to reevaluate the situation and decide exactly what we absolutely needed."



A platoon commander communicates with Marines in the forward position prior to assaulting the airfield.

Marine air provides support to infantry

Lance Cpl. Kathy J. Arndt

Combat Correspondent

MCAS FUTENMA – A thundering, chopping noise pierces ears as each blade forces itself through the air as a CH-46E helicopter lands to pick up infantry Marines during the Ground-Air Integrated Training exercise Oct. 15-20.

Marines from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, transported Marines from 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, during a GAIT exercise.

The GAIT exercise was designed to integrate an Aviation Combat Element with a Ground Combat Element to practice the Marine Air Ground Task Force concept on a smaller scale.

HMM-265 transported Marines back and forth between Camp Schwab and Ie Shima throughout the exercise.

"Our job was to get the grunts from point A to point B in a timely fashion," said Cpl. Doug J. Stewart, CH-46E crew chief, HMM-265, 1st MAW.

When the air and ground units work together, the overall mission gains an advantage because of the timeliness and the coordination of both units.

"We enable the ground units to get places faster and with more gear," Stewart said.

This exercise allows both the air and ground units to practice skills that they might need to use in a war situation.

"The exercise simulates how we would



LANCE CPL. KATHY J. ARNDT

Cpl. Doug J. Stewart, CH-46E "SeaKnight" helicopter crew chief, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, keeps his eye on the right side of the aircraft during a flight to pick up infantrymen on Ie Shima.

drop off and pick up ground units in hot zones during a combat environment," Stewart said.

One of the benefits of the exercise was that it allowed the air and ground Marines to see how each of them performed their jobs from day to day.

"During this training we got to see what the grunts do from a different angle, straight down," Stewart said.

"We enable the ground units to get places faster and with more gear."

Cpl. Doug J. Stewart

Okinawa's Military Police train for combat



PHOTOS BY PFC. KIETH R. MEIKLE
Lance Cpl. Thomas H. Pope, Military Policeman, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma District, Marine Corps Base, searches Lance Cpl. Scott M. Hadeen, MP, MCAS Futenma District, MCB, who played the role of an unruly enemy prisoner of war during the Military Police quarterly Fleet Marine Force Training at Camp Hansen Oct. 16-19.

MPs enforce combat zone law and order

Pfc. Keith R. Meikle

Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN — Marine Military Policemen throughout Okinawa conducted four days of field training Oct. 16-19 to practice the duties they would typically perform if called to action in a combat environment.

The training concentrated on handling enemy prisoners of war, a variety of battlefield security missions, and combat zone law and order.

Okinawa Marine MPs conduct battlefield training four times each year. It is one of their rare opportunities to train in a field environment. MPs deploy alongside other Marine air, infantry or support units when called into combat. They must know the combat mission as well as the daily missions in garrison.

"Military Police field training often gets overlooked, because of our garrison law enforcement mission," said Sgt. James J. Fuentes, MP training supervisor, 3rd Force Service Support Group. "But these Marines are getting a taste of it now."

The week of training started with a 7-mile forced march and two days of classes on battlefield law enforcement fundamentals. The classes instructed the Marines on proper procedures including the set up of traffic control points, establishing enemy prisoner of war collection points and rear-area security operations.

The Marines put the knowledge gained from these classes to work during the practical application phase Oct. 18. The Ma-

rines started from scratch and established fighting positions, collection points and local security, while being critiqued on how they would react during combat situations.

For the Marines to participate in these activities, they often have to arrange their training according to the area they are using. However, this training was designed to capture the reality of war.

"The set up of our troops and gear is set up for what real life battle would be like," Fuentes said. "This is the best training I have seen (MPs) get."

Many of the Marines were impressed by the realism of the combat situations they experienced.

"We did everything from humping out here to digging fighting holes to make it realistic," said Pfc. David R. Polikowsky, Military Policeman for Camp Foster Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base. "It was never this realistic for our school training."

Training at basic MP school was the last field training many of the Marines had received.

"I have been an MP for six years and have never done field training," said Sgt. Jeff Bunt, a dog handler for PMO, MCB.

The field training proved a success for the Marines.

"This training was very helpful for us to refine our skills," said 1st Lt. Brian Lucero, a PMO platoon commander and training officer. "They improved from when we started (in the classroom) to being able to perform the practical application evaluation successfully."



Sgt. Lonny R. Grantham, MP, Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base, acts as an enemy prisoner of war.

Marine Corps Base Safety teaches safe, effective driving

Sgt. Robert J. Angus

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — As Marines work and train on Okinawa, a variety of vehicles and heavy equipment are used to complete the daily missions.

Without licensed drivers to safely operate these vehicles and heavy equipment, these missions may be jeopardized, said Staff Sgt. Timothy A. Collings, driver training instructor, Government Licensing Office, Marine Corps Base Safety Office.

"The classes we offer enable Marines, Sailors, soldiers and Department of Defense civilian employees to complete their missions by operating government equipment while complying with both Japanese and American laws and military regulations," Collings said. "We teach Marines to operate everything from a commercial vehicle to 25-ton forklift."

The courses offered at the Government Licensing Office include: Drivers Improvement Course, Tactical and Commercial Driving Course, Remedial Driving Course, Material Handling Equipment Course, Explosives and Hazardous Material Handling Course and 25-ton Reach Stacker Course.

"The Drivers Improvement Course is required for all personnel under the age of 26 in order to operate government vehicles and heavy equipment," Collings said. "This class covers basic safe driving techniques and information and is given every Tuesday and Wednesday on a first-come, first-serve basis. So instructors recommend arriving at 7:15 a.m. to attend class at

8 a.m. The Tact/Comm class and Material Handling Classes are given bi-monthly.

"Signing up for the other classes we offer requires being nominated by their unit," Collings said. "Each major subordinate command of III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Base has quotas for these classes. Marines who need to attend these courses should contact their training sections through their chain of command."

Other requirements for attending the classes include, being in uniform and having a valid U.S. driver's license, host nation's license or an international driver's license, according to Collings.

"Active duty service members must be in uniform," Collings said. "We've had students show up for classes not in uniform and we've had to turn them away. Especially at the Remedial Driving Courses on Saturdays."

"We also require students to have a valid driver's license," Collings said. "We do have a list of the states which don't require service members to renew their licenses that expire while away from home on active duty. We keep this list as up to date as possible, but realize laws do change. If a customer knows our list is wrong and can prove it with a letter from their state, we'll change our list."

Normal hours of operation for the Government Licensing Office are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is also open every first and third Saturday of the month for the Remedial Driving Course.

For more information on courses offered by the Government Licensing Office, call 645-3183.



SGT. ROBERT J. ANGUS

Sgt. Michael L. Twite, left, Material Handling Equipment Course instructor, Marine Corps Base Safety, teaches Lance Cpl. Huermantzin Hernandez, warehouseman, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, how to operate a 4,000-pound forklift during a recent licensing class.

Wing Marines support local youth center

Lance Cpl. Josh P. Vierela

Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA CITY – Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing celebrated its one-year anniversary for adopting the Okinawa Children's Development Center here recently.

With help of area Young Marines and Boy Scouts, MWHS-1 marked the occasion by performing maintenance and spending time with the mentally and physically disabled children at the center.

The volunteers did yard work, painted walls, washed windows, and cleaned equipment.

The squadron adopted an Okinawan facility to help the Marine Corps' image and to give the Marines something positive to do, said Navy Lt. Lonnie V. Scott, command chaplain, MWHS-1, 1st MAW.

For the Young Marines, it was the first time they volunteered at the center.

"I feel good about this project because I like helping people," said Young Marine Lance Cpl. Ricki Hansen. "Because we are helping the community, it's good for the children as well."

The volunteers also helped the center to concentrate on the children.

"Because the facility is big and has so many students, the staff stays busy and doesn't have time to do the little things like paint," said Takako Owan, head nurse at the center. "Because the Marines help out, the jobs get done. We appreciate them a lot."

Helping out at an Okinawan facility allows Marines to be ambassadors for the Corps, said Scott. He encourages every unit to get involved and adopt a facility.

If a unit is looking to adopt an Okinawan facility, they should contact Machiko Urasaki, community relations specialist, Marine Corps Community Service at 645-3127.



LANCE CPL. JOSH P. VIERELA

Destiny Thomas, 12, paints window frames at the Okinawa Children's Development Center in Okinawa City. With help from the Young Marines and Boy Scouts, Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, recently celebrated its first anniversary of adopting the center.



LANCE CPL. JOSH P. VIERELA

Chris Sharrock, 15, left, and John Logan, 12, stand underneath the Ukem Bridge picking up trash and scattered debris from the banks of the Tengan River Oct. 8 as part of a community cleanup project that teamed Marines, family members and several youth organizations with Okinawans.

Marines, youth groups help clean local river, community

Annual Tengan River cleanup project clears vegetation and debris from river's banks

Lance Cpl. Josh P. Vierela

Combat Correspondent

GUSHIKAWA CITY – More than 100 volunteers from Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, scouting organizations, family members and youth groups joined forces with the Okinawan community to help cleanup the Tengan River, Oct. 8.

The event, sponsored by the Gushikawa Junior Chamber of Commerce, is held annually to help the environment, according to Maj. Bill Harkins, deputy camp commander here.

"One reason the river needs cleaning is because of the sewage and factory run-offs that dump into the river," said Shimabuku Osamu, member of the Gushikawa Young Adult Club.

American and Okinawan volunteers worked side by side for two hours. They cleared out dense vegetation and picked up trash ranging from paper to rubber tires at the Castle Highlander and Ukem Bridge portions of the river. The groups seemed to diligently complete the tasks with a positive attitude as they worked together, according to Osamu.

"I want to help out. It's nice to see people coming out here giving a helping hand with the cleanup," said PFC Christian Hawes, engineer, Communications Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd MarDiv.

Following the event, volunteers were invited to at-



LANCE CPL. JOSH P. VIERELA

Old muddy tires such as these were just some of the debris dredged out of the Tengan River by Americans and Okinawans during the annual river cleanup.

tend a post cleanup barbeque, sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

The barbeque was held at the Ukem Bridge cleanup site to reward the volunteers for their hard work, Harkins said.

The clean-up effort proved to be a successful way to beautify the river and promote good relations among Americans and Okinawans by working side by side throughout the day, said Osamu. In fact some volunteers seemed eager to rejoin the annual effort next year.

"I'd come out here again next year because it is the best thing to do to help out," said Savannah Harkins, a 5-year-old kindergartener at Bechtel Elementary School.

Sailor lands Marine Corps Marathon victory

Navy man wins nation's fifth-largest marathon, finishes with best time of 2:25:50

Sgt. John Sayas

Combat Correspondent

ARLINGTON, Va. — Richard Cochrane, a 27-year-old member of the U.S. Navy, was the overall winner of the 25th Marine Corps Marathon, finishing with a time of 2:25:50.

The marathon celebrated its Silver Anniversary Oct. 22 with a record number of runners, Marines, volunteers and spectators converging on the nation's capital to participate in what is known as the "People's Marathon."

More than 21,000 runners began their 26.2-mile trek around the Washington, D.C., area using a new three-wave start to help control runner congestion at the beginning of the course.

Another 2,500 Marines, Sailors, civilian employees and volunteers helped along the course by providing support at the numerous water points, medical tents and start and finish lines.

Twenty-five years ago the race began as the Marine Corps Reserve Marathon and has since grown to become the fifth largest marathon in the United States.

Runners from each of the 50 states as well as 24 foreign countries were represented at this year's start line.

Cochrane participated in his second Marine Corps Marathon as part of the Navy Team. He was part of the lead pack through the first eight miles of the race before pulling away. As he made his way through the streets and past monuments, he felt support from many friends and family along with the thousands of other spectators spread throughout the course.

"My key to the race was trying to keep it at my pace," said the Harpswell, Maine, native. "I was pretty happy with the race."

Cochrane said just running the "People's Marathon" was an accomplishment itself.



SGT. JOHN SAYAS

Runners begin the 25th Annual Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. More than 21,000 took part in the event, the largest turnout since the marathon's start in 1975.

"It's tough," he said. "It's not something you go out and run everyday. It takes a lot of training. I probably won't be walking straight for the next couple days. But I'm proud of what I did."

While many were making return trips to the Marine Corps Marathon, more than 10,000 runners made the Silver Anniversary their first Marine Corps Marathon.

"It's a personal challenge," said 53-year-old James Manning of Pompton Lakes, N.J.

Manning said he has heard about the "People's Marathon" over the years but is participating in his first Marine Corps Marathon as a runner.

After training and participating in other long distance runs in the past year, he said the best thing he saw was the bond between the runners and spectators who lined the streets.

"The encouragement from the Marines is great," he said. "There's so much camaraderie out there."

Northern Virginia Community College student Heather Roed from Springfield, Va., came out for the second year in a row as a runner. She said her experience as a volunteer when she was a freshman in high school made her want to come out to see just how fun it could be.

"I did good the first time. So I decided to come out again," Roed said. "Seeing all the people and Marines along the course is awesome. That's what gets you through the course -- the people cheering."

Other top finishers of the marathon included Canadian Elizabeth Ruel, 33, who finished at 2:47:52. Kamel Ayari of Huntington, N.Y., finished as the first male wheelchair finisher with a time of 1:46:48. The first U.S. Marine to finish the marathon this year was Rob Adams at 2:33:11.



PFC. DAMIAN J. MCGEE

Ray Norris, left, MCB Hawaii, congratulates members of the 3rd MarDiv basketball team after their 101-66 win in the championship game of the Marine Forces Pacific Regional Basketball Tournament. Four Okinawa-based Marines were selected to the All-Marine tryouts.

3rd MarDiv takes first place at regional basketball tournament

Pfc. Damian J. McGee

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — The 2000 Combined Marine Forces Pacific Regional Basketball Tournament ended with 3rd Marine Division blasting Marine Corps Base Hawaii, 101-66.

The 3rd MarDiv team came out early in the game scoring an unanswered nine points on the two-time defending champion Hawaii team.

Players Tyrone Thomas and Ray Norris attempted to keep life in the MCB Hawaii team, scoring 25 of the teams 35 first-half points. But the damage was already done. The MCB Hawaii team trailed 3rd MarDiv for the entire game.

"That was our plan," said Bryant Markowicz, 3rd MarDiv. "We just wanted to run them and put them away early."

Markowicz, the leading scorer for the 3rd MarDiv team, was also the leading scorer for the game with 22 points.

"I knew we had to keep pounding down low," Markowicz said. "We outnumbered them and we had to use that to our advantage."

At the half, MCB Hawaii was only

down by 13 and had a chance to come back in the second half. But 3rd MarDiv saw things differently. MCB Hawaii was outscored 53-31 in the second half, shattering any hopes of a late rally.

"We didn't show up," Thomas said. "We lost because we played with a lack of intensity."

The 3rd MarDiv team, led by coach Guy Williams, the All-Tournament Coach, maintained control throughout the game.

The tournament also hosted scouts for the All-Marine Basketball team tryouts. The players selected were sent to the All-Marine Basketball Trial Camp at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. The camp began Oct. 22 and will go through Nov. 11.

Among the players selected were Adrian Bowie, 3rd MarDiv; Derick Eddie, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing; Byron McNeil, MCAS Iwakuni; Richard Meyers, 3rd MarDiv; Curtis Moss, 3rd MarDiv and Tyrone Thomas, MCB Hawaii.

Miguel Humphrey, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was also selected as an alternate for the team.

Let's get ready to

RUMBLE



Fans at the Ultimate Fight Night got involved by cheering for their favorite wrestler.

Professional wrestlers square off for Ultimate Fight Night

Lance Cpl. Josh P. Vierela

Combat Correspondent

TORII STATION — The field lights glared down on wrestlers, rowdy fans and the “squared circle.” With flying fists, swinging legs and a folding chair or two, the wrestlers entertained the crowd of fight-thirsty fans.

Professional wrestlers from around the world competed in the second annual Ultimate Fight Night, at Torii Station, Oct. 14.

The night featured six-ring tumbling events including bouts by Mick “The Assassin” Tierney, “Rastaman” and Carl Malenko.

The event, organized by Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation, also featured martial arts demonstrations by various Okinawan world champions.

The action-packed event started out with the first few matches consisting of shoot style fighting, where the winner is determined when one competitor submits.

Okinawan wrestlers, Ono and Ishikawa, fought using various fighting techniques. Ono, who was a more limber, wiry fighter, used more kicks and martial arts moves than the bigger, less agile Ishikawa. The match continued for approximately 15 minutes before the stronger Ishikawa overpowered his opponent, forcing him into submission.

“Rastaman,” the Jamaican Extreme Championship Wrestling-style fighter, really made heads spin when he won his match after he belted his opponent, Junji.com, with a metal chair, not once ... but twice.

The main fight pitted Okinawan wrestler, Heje Kata and Carl Malenko, son of World Wrestling Federation wrestler Boris Malenko. The match, scheduled to last 30 minutes, ended quickly when Malenko forced his opponent into submission in less than two minutes.

A lot of fighters spend all their energy “psyching themselves up” hours before a match, and when the time comes they don’t have a lot left. The key is to get psyched just before the match starts, Malenko said.

“The butterflies come after the referee has introduced the two fighters and it is just you and him staring back at each other,” Malenko said as he described his feelings just before a match.

Being a professional fighter isn’t easy and requires a lot of hard work, Malenko said.

“If you’re interested in fighting, the thing to remember is not to give up and keep fighting,” Malenko said. “The sport is filled with ups and downs, never give up, that is why they call fighting a discipline.”



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Mick "The Assassin" Tierney makes a lap with the American flag held high over his head with pride before his match started with Mohammed Yonay.



Ken twists Katsubo into the dreaded sharp shooter position during their fight at Torii Station. The Ultimate Fight Night featured six matches with professional wrestlers from around the world.

The Marketplace



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1996 Honda Shadow — JCI Apr 02, \$5,000 OBO. Don, 622-5162.
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1989 Nissan Largo — JCI Aug 02, \$2,500. Sgt. Hernandez, 622-0039.
1991 Toyota Supra — JCI Sep 02, \$2,500 OBO. 090-9785-5108.
1987 Toyota Surf — JCI Jun 02, OBO. Mike, 637-0058.
1990 Honda Integra — JCI 02, \$2,000 OBO. Eric Ortega, 646-5853.
1991 Honda Ascot — JCI Apr 02, \$2,800. 622-8300.
1987 Nissan Sunny — JCI Oct 00, Free. 644-6109 or 645-0795.
1989 Honda Integra — JCI April 02, \$2,800. Karla, 646-2941 or 646-4234.
1990 Honda Accord — JCI Aug 02, \$2,700 OBO. Don or Julie, 622-5162.
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1989 Nissan Skyline — JCI Jun 01, \$1,900 OBO. 637-5239 or 637-2117.
1990 Honda Inspire — JCI July 01, \$3,000. Roger, 622-9663 or 622-8586.
1993 Nissan Presea — JCI April 02, \$2,550. Pat, 637-5084 or 637-1447.
1992 Honda Vigor — JCI Sep 01, \$3,000 OBO. 637-4479 or 645-3979.
1975 Toyota Charib — Free. Jason, 636-3004 or 636-5141.
1988 Nissan Cefiro — JCI Oct 01, \$2,000 OBO. 646-4255 or 645-3899.
1989 Toyota Corona — JCI Nov 00, make offer. 623-4258 or 968-8387.
1993 Kawasaki KX125 — \$1,800 OBO. 623-5391.
1987 Honda VFR — JCI Mar 02, \$1,500. Alan, 636-3322.
1988 Honda CRX — JCI May 02, \$900 OBO. 646-3696 or 645-2877.
1988 Mitsubishi Delica — JCI Oct 00, \$600 OBO. 646-8348 or 645-2877.



Miscellaneous

Misc. — In-step “Zoomer” jogger stroller, used a few times, almost new. Asking \$45. Old model, doesn’t recline, but good for child other than infant. Jen at 646-8621.
Misc. — Two dive tanks, \$50 each. Playstation video games. 622-6472.
Misc. — Book for sale. “The Guide to Genuine Home Work Opportunities,” contains companies that pay for work done in spare time. 090-9785-5108.
Misc. — Large dog kennel/carrier, used once, outstanding condition. Asking \$400. Call Louis or Mary at 646-2627.
Misc. — Weight bench and weights, \$150; guitar and amp, \$150; dining table set, \$150; twin bed w/ mattress, \$150; paintball gun, \$150; Aiwa stereo, \$50; Rhode Gear bike rack, \$50; coffee table, \$20. Ben, 623-7341 or 926-1666.
Misc. — ‘AT’ style server case, 250w, floppy drive, \$40; full size ‘AT’ style tower case, 250w, five open CD ROM bays, holds three HDDs, floppy drive, \$60. Joe, 646-5785.
Furniture — Spiegel brass/white bakers rack, \$85; burgandy camelback style sofa and loveseat, \$250; antique display cabinet, \$350. 622-5178.
Misc. — 7’ 10” Tim Nolte tri-fin surfboard, includes leash, Pro-Lite travel bag, \$450 OBO; GT LTS 16” mountain bike frame w/ RockShox, \$350; 15” aluminum wheels w/ 215/60 and R15 street tires, \$250. Jay, 646-8226, or 090-9783-4203.
Misc. — Kitchen tansu, \$295; Whirlpool dehumidifier, \$75; crib and mattress, \$50; desk and chair, \$35; wood TV cart, \$15. Nicky, 633-1728.
Lost — White gold diamond ring lost at Foster Globe and Anchor. Reward available. Call 646-3681.
Wanted — Color TV; inspection-ready cammies: small-long blouse, medium-long trousers; power transformer. Call 895-7228.
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Sat Meet the Parents (PG13); 7:00, 10:00
Sun Space Cowboys (PG13); 1:00, 4:00
Sun Space Cowboys (PG13); 7:00
Mon The Perfect Storm (PG13); 7:00
Tue Scary Movie (R); 7:00
Wed Nutty Professor 2 (PG13); 7:00
Thu Meet the Parents (PG13); 7:00

Courtney (622-9616)

Fri The Perfect Storm (PG13); 7:00, 9:30
Sat Scary Movie (R); 7:00
Sun The Contender (R); 7:00
Wed Remember the Titans (PG13); 7:00

Futenma (636-3890)

Fri Me, Myself and Irene (R); 7:30
Sat Nutty Professor 2 (PG13); 7:30
Sun Scary Movie (R); 7:30
Mon Remember the Titans (PG); 7:30
Wed Meet the Parents (PG); 7:30

Hansen (623-4564)

Fri X-Men (PG13)
Sat X-Men (PG13)
Sun Space Cowboys (PG13)
Mon Mission Impossible 2 (PG13)
Tue Mission Impossible 2 (PG13)

Wed Coyote Ugly (R)
Thu Coyote Ugly (R)
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Fri Remember the Titans (PG); 6:30, 9:30
Sat The Perfect Storm (PG13); 1:00
Sat Remember the Titans (PG); 5:30, 8:30
Sun The Perfect Storm (PG13); 2:00
Sun Coyote Ugly (R); 4:30, 8:30
Mon The Contender (R); 7:00
Tue Space Cowboys (PG13); 7:00
Wed Space Cowboys (PG13); 7:00
Thu Meet the Parents (PG13); 7:00

Kinser (637-2177)

Fri Space Cowboys (PG13); 7:00
Sat The Perfect Storm (PG13); 3:00
Sat Space Cowboys (PG13); 7:00, 11:30
Sun Coyote Ugly (R); 7:00
Mon Meet the Parents (PG13); 7:00
Tue Space Cowboys (PG13); 7:00
Wed Coyote Ugly (R); 7:00
Thu The Perfect Storm (PG13); 7:00

Schwab (625-2333)

Fri Scary Movie(R)
Sat Scary Movie(R)
Sat Nutty Professor 2 (PG13)
Sun Scary Movie(R)
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Mon Nutty Professor 2 (PG13)
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